GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA

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MPLAD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of complaints received from MPs from each State regarding the amount spent and sub-standard works done under the MPLAD Scheme during the last three years;

(b) the details of the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether the funds allocated under MPLAD Scheme have been fully utilised by MPs;

(d) if not, the details of the funds allocated to the MPs and the percentage of funds spent by them during the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) the reasons for delay, if any, in the implementation of MPLAD Scheme and the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.217 SCHEDULED FOR ANSWER ON 5TH MARCH, 2003

(a) The state-wise number of complaints received from the MPs in respect of implementation of the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme[MPLADS] is given below :-

Uttar Pradesh	- 13	Rajasthan	- 04
Bihar	- 03	Kerala	- 03
Maharashtra	- 05	Orissa	- 02
Tamil Nadu	- 02	Jharkhand	- 01
West Bengal	- 01		

The nature of complaints relates to sub-standard execution of works, delays in release of funds, delays in sanction of projects and mis-utilization of funds etc.

(b) As and when any complaint is received either from an MP or from any other quarters, it is examined with due care and appropriate remedial action is taken if it pertains to the Central Government. In other cases, the complaints are referred to the District Heads and the State Governments concerned and they are advised to take immediate remedial action.

(c) No Sir.

(d) The detailed and updated information relating to cumulative entitlement, sanctioned amount and expenditure position, M.P. wise, state-wise may be seen from the Monthly Report for February, 2003 kept in the Parliament Library. The information is also available on the internet website mplads.nic.in.

(e) The reasons for delay in implementation of MPLADS are :

(i) Delay in submission of recommendation of works by the MPs to the District Head;

(ii) Frequent changes of works by the MPs;

(iii) Delay in processing of recommendations received from MPs by the District Authorities;

(iv) Delay in preparation of estimates by the concerned agencies;

(v) Delay in issue of financial sanction by the District Heads;

(vi) Delay in transfer of funds from one district to another;

(vii) Non-submission of expenditure statement by District Heads to the Central Government resulting in delay in release of funds;

(viii) Non-release of funds in time to the implementing agencies by the District Heads;

(ix) Non-availability of/delay in getting possession of land; and

(x) Non-compliance of time-frame by the implementing agencies;

The steps taken to expedite the implementation of works under the MPLADS include :

(i) Advice to District Collectors to process and sanction the works recommended by MPs to the extent of their yearly entitlement of funds without waiting for actual release of funds;

(ii) Holding of regular review meetings with the MPs to sort out problems and to ensure project-wise allocation of funds as per requirement;

(iii) Request to MPs to give their recommendations well in advance in a phased manner and not to cancel or change the works which have already been sanctioned;

(iv) Request to the State Governments to monitor the programme more intensively; and

(v) Organization of workshops and state-level review meetings to have better interaction with MPs.